

Nomination of Robert H. Pelletreau, Jr., To Be United States Ambassador to Egypt

May 9, 1991

The President today announced his intention to nominate Robert H. Pelletreau, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Arab Republic of Egypt. He would succeed Frank G. Wisner.

Since 1987 Ambassador Pelletreau has served as Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia. Prior to this he was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, 1985–1987. He was Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs at the Department of State, 1983–1985; Country Director for Arabian Peninsula Affairs at the Department of State, 1981–1982; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for

Near East and South Asia at the Pentagon, 1980–1981. In addition, he was Ambassador to the State of Bahrain, 1979–1980, and Deputy Chief of Mission in Damascus, Syria, 1975–1978. Ambassador Pelletreau was a political officer in Algiers, Algeria, 1973–1975, and served in several capacities in Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, and Morocco. Ambassador Pelletreau entered the Foreign Service in 1962.

Ambassador Pelletreau graduated from Yale University (B.A., 1957) and Harvard Law School (LL.B., 1961). He was born July 9, 1935, in Patchogue, NY. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserve, 1957–1958. He is married and has three children.

Nomination of Mary Catherine Sophos To Be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury

May 9, 1991

The President today announced his intention to nominate Mary Catherine Sophos, of California, to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury for Legislative Affairs. She would succeed Bryce L. Harlow. Upon confirmation, the President intends to designate her as an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Legislative Affairs.

Ms. Sophos currently serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs at the Department of the Treasury. Prior to this she was director of government relations for McCamish, Martin, Brown and

Loeffler, 1987–1989. Ms. Sophos was assistant minority counsel and budget analyst for the Committee on Ways and Means for the House of Representatives, 1987, and legislative director and a member of the budget associate staff to Congressman Tom Loeffler, 1982–1986.

Ms. Sophos graduated from Pitzer College, The Claremont Colleges (B.S., 1976). She was born July 10, 1954, in Oxnard, CA. She currently resides in Washington, DC.

Nomination of Quincy Mellon Krosby To Be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund

May 9, 1991

The President today announced his intention to nominate Quincy Mellon Krosby, of New York, to be U.S. Alternate Executive

Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of 2 years. She would succeed Charles S. Warner.

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Dr. Krosby currently serves as Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement at the Department of Commerce in Washington, DC. Prior to this she was an economic officer and energy attache for the U.S. Embassy in London, England.

Dr. Krosby graduated from the University

of Minnesota, receiving a bachelor of arts degree and a master of arts degree, and the London School of Economics, receiving a doctoral degree in 1979. She was born August 3, 1948, in New York, NY. She is married, has five children, and resides in Washington, DC.

Remarks Upon Receiving an Honorary Degree From Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey

May 10, 1991

Thank you all very much. This is indeed for me an honor. And the last time, save one, that I was on this campus, I was not treated quite so hospitably. *[Laughter]* It was out at the baseball diamond, I think in 1948. Crowded along the first baseline—it was very hostile, the way it worked in Princeton—were a bunch of hyperventilating, celebrating alumni.

And I remember standing there at first base, and a gigantic tiger—I think his name was Neil Zundel—came to the plate. He lofted an easy fly towards Yale's first baseman, me. And as I reached for the ball, the guy just sheer bowled me over—*[laughter]*—to the cheers of the Princeton alumni. *[Laughter]*

I was hurt, my pride was hurt. But P.S., Yale won the ball game. *[Laughter]*

So, how lovely today it is, though. And I view this degree as a very high honor from an institution for which I have unlimited respect. It is a great privilege for Barbara and me to be up with you today. I hear the rites of spring over my shoulder out there, but it wouldn't be normal in my job if we didn't hear those rites chanting out there. But I hope I bring peace and tranquility to your campus because you bring great joy to our heart, my formerly fibrillating heart.

Thank you very much.

Note: The President spoke at 10:35 a.m. in the faculty room of Nassau Hall. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Remarks at Dedication Ceremony of the Social Sciences Complex at Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey

May 10, 1991

Thank you all very much. Thank you. Please be seated. It's a great pleasure to be here. President Shapiro, your words were so kind that my heart almost went back into fibrillation. *[Laughter]* I salute you, sir, and I thank you for the honor bestowed on me.

To Governor Florio; and to the Members of the United States Congress that are here today; to Mrs. Shapiro, and the board of trustees; to Chairman Henderson; Dean Williamson; Associate Dean Morrow. And

I'd also like to salute Princeton's former Presidents Goheen and Bowen. And I'm delighted to help dedicate this impressive complex.

Though I must say that I'm glad that this is May and not the first snowfall. I don't think Barbara would let me take place in your special brand of Olympics. *[Laughter]*

Seriously, I'm honored to receive an honorary degree from Princeton. Imagine: a son of Yale getting a Princeton degree.